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SUBJECT: U.S. ASSESSMENT OF PAKISTANI ESTIMATES OF
INDIAN AND AFGHAN ORDERS OF BATTLE

1. THE PAKISTANIS HAD CONVEYED TO US IN LAHORE THEIR MOST
RECENT ESTIMATES OF THE INDIAN AND AFGHAN ORDERS OF BATTLE
REQUESTING THAT WE DRAW UP AND CONVEY TO THEM OUR ASSESS-
MENT OF THEM. IN RESPONSE, YOU ARE INSTRUCTED TO APPROACH
MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND DEFENSE AZIZ
AHMED AND TELL HIM THAT THE PAKISTANI ESTIMATES GENERALLY
AGREE WITH OURS.

2. I KNOW YOU WILL APPRECIATE THAT IN BEING RESPONSIVE TO
THE PAKISTANI REQUEST, WE DO NOT WISH TO REVEAL HIGHLY
CLASSIFIED INFORMATION. YOU SHOULD, THEREFORE, MAKE YOUR
APPROACH ONLY TO MINISTER AHMED AND CONVEY THE ABOVE ORALL
NOT IN WRITING. ROBINSON

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